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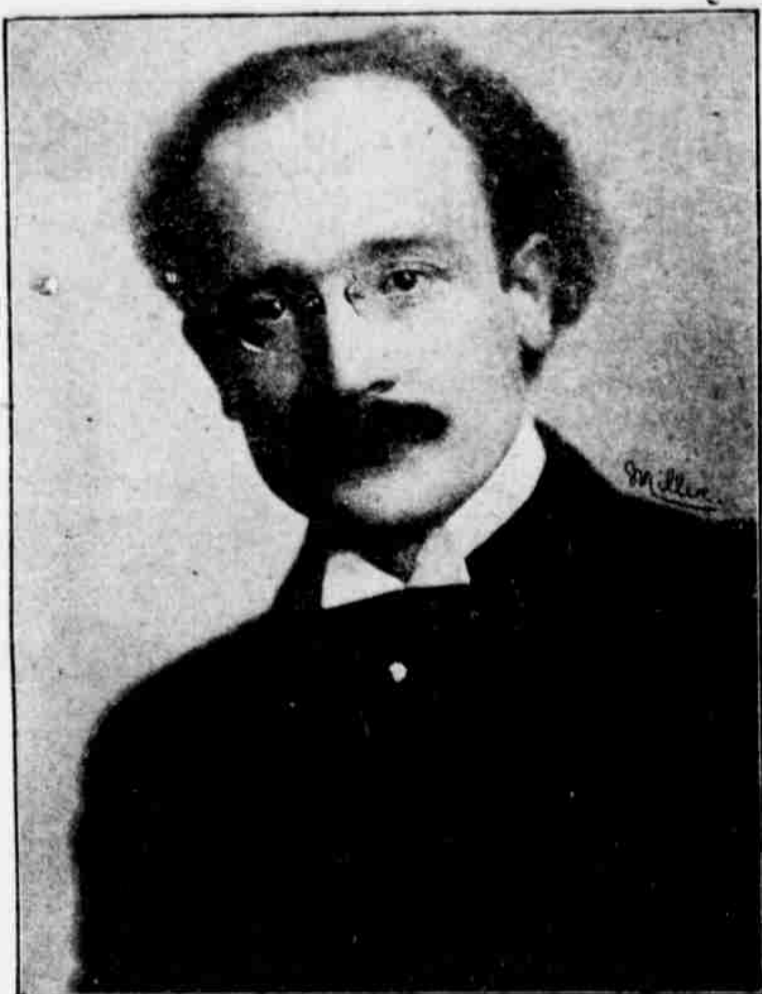
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Wherever virgin soil produces a rich growth the world is astonished, but there is nothing surprising about it. The extraordinary growth is merely the result of certain rare combinations of seed, soil and cultivation.

The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra is one of these extraordinary growths. The seed was the money put into it by three or four wealthy men of Minneapolis who believed a great city should have a great orchestra. Into the soil of public spirit and love of music went the seed. The cultivation has been the work of Emil Oberhoffer, whose genius was just beginning to reveal itself when he was made conductor of the Minneapolis orchestra ten years ago. Simultaneously, Oberhoffer has been recognized as one of the great powers in music and his orchestra as one of the really wonderful symphony orchestras of the world.

That such a man and such an organization should have arisen in a northwest American city instead of in one of the other musical capitals is as interesting as it is surprising.

That one of the really great American orchestras should have its home in a northwestern city has excited the wonder of many critics. While the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra travels annually over the continent, it is primarily a northwestern institution, the pride and inspiration of its native state and city.

Minnesota has so long furnished Philadelphia and New York with their bread and butter and some of their beef that little else has been expected from it. This year Minneapolis has the distinction of sending to these and other eastern cities an orchestra equal in artistic stature to any growth there. Minnesota finds that she can feed the souls as well as the bodies of the folks down east.

The situation is much like that in which America—perhaps one should say New York—figured when it was discovered that American actors and literateurs were delighting England—that the freshness and virility of American talent surpassed that of Great Britain.

Eastern audiences are finding in Emil Oberhoffer's reading a freshness and virility that surprises and delights them. Wearied of pedantic tendencies, they are awakening to enthusiasm over the fresh viewpoint from which the middle western orchestra approaches the great orchestral works, both new and old.

It is this wonderful orchestra that St. Joseph people will hear at the Auditorium tonight.

## LITTLE BUT A MEMORY

### FAMOUS BATTLESHIP OREGON HAS HAD ITS DAY.

Seventeen Years Ago She Was Probably the Most Famous Vessel Afloat—Now Is Relieved to a Minor Position.

Seventeen years ago the name of the Oregon was on the lips of every American. It had rounded the Horn on a record-breaking voyage of 18,000 miles and then won additional renown in the battle of Santiago bay. The Oregon was the pride of Uncle Sam—the queen of the seas. For years, however, it has been out of date. Officially it has been rated as a second-class vessel; by the more flippant as junk. Now the navy department has got rid of it by presenting it to the state of California for use by its naval militia. So runs the world away—for battleships as well as for men, observes the Sioux City Journal.

Who that recalls the war with Spain will ever forget the Oregon? Foreseeing a break with Spain, Washington ordered it to sail from Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco to Key West. The long distance run proved to be a most spectacular undertaking. War was declared while the Oregon was on its way, and fears for its safety were entertained until it hove in sight, reports having been set afloat that Spain had sent out a fleet to intercept it. The long trip was remarkable for the fact that the battleship stopped nowhere except for coal and was not delayed an hour by any breakdown in its machinery. Capt. Charles Edgar Clark was in command, and his name became almost as famous as that of the Oregon. He is one of the few of those who took leading roles in the Spanish-American war who are still alive.

Nor did the Oregon rest on its laurels after it had steamed into Key West late in May, 1898. It had been brought from the Pacific to the Atlantic for business, and that business was to fight. It proceeded at once to Santiago and in the battle of July 3 with Admiral Cervera's fleet was in the thick of the trouble from the first to last. To the Oregon belongs credit for forcing the surrender of the Vizcaya and the Christobal Colon and possibly for saving the Brooklyn, the flagship of Commodore Schley.

Yet today this one time bulldog of the navy is not considered of enough account in the national armament to be kept in the service! So many changes have come about in the making of battleships the once wonderful Oregon is now a fit subject for the scrap heap. It was a great vessel in its day, and around it cluster hallowed memories, but more than that cannot be said for it.

Let anyone who has a notion that the United States navy has not been growing in the last twenty years compare a list of the vessels which then made up our defense at sea with a list of the vessels of 1915. Where then the Iowa, the Indiana and others stood proudly at the head of the procession now they humbly fall in far behind the Arizona, the Pennsylvania and others of later make and more generous proportions. Yet the Arizona's day and the Pennsylvania's day also will come, as has come that of the Oregon, and as came that of the Monitor and that of Old Ironsides.

### Those Husbands!

He—Where does your wife carry her street car fare? His Neighbor—In the other woman's purse. Honest, though, you'd think she wanted to pay it—Judge.

It is sad to love and be unloved, but sadder still to be unable to love.—Maeterlinck.

## PATROL DRIVES SAILORS MAD

Letter From a British Tar in the Atlantic Blockade Makes Pathetic Reading.

The peril, hardship, cold and loneliness that has driven mad some of the tars who man the British blockade fleet outside the three-mile limit off our Atlantic coast, has been written of by an Englishman riding "The Tides of Barnegat" aboard the Sydney, to an old mate in this city. This is the same Sydney that ran the notorious German raider Emden ashore on an Indian ocean island and shot her to bits. The Sydney recently has been transferred to the Atlantic blockade fleet. The letter says in part:

"Dear Jerry: It looks as though we were to spend another Christmas on the briny deep. It has been terribly cold out here and we have had a hard time of it. The other night we ran short of coal and had to shoot down to Bermuda.

"Jerry, of all the places God ever made, Barnegat, or whatever they call it, is the worst. If it ain't blowing it's snowing or raining, and there is a continual swell running that keeps your insides snug against your main companionway for days at a stretch.

"Give me the life of the North sea, chasing perrys (submarine periscopes). You could get a bit of a thrill doing that—and it was worth while getting hit. Out here you might as well be on a training ship. The men are mostly sickly and you can't exactly call them happy. They have nothing to think of except the arrival of the cutter with papers and letters. Lord save us from another job like this.

"I heard some of the boys in the Caronia (former Cunard liner, now converted cruiser) went crazy, and I don't blame them a bit. A lot of us will be going the same way before long. We are looking for the cutter today and expect to get a supply of fresh greens. But she'll smash herself to pieces against our side, I suppose, and lose everything. That's what happened last time. The bloody pilot must have been a tram conductor in Putney.

"We lost a man over the side who was reaching for a sack of lettuce or something. God! He shot down between us and the rotten little tug so quick that there was no chance to save him. He was a young fellow, too, and had a mother living in Fulham Palace road, Hammersmith."

### Fountains in France.

Who is responsible for the dry fountain? asks the London Chronicle. A correspondent cites a case from Groombridge, in Sussex. Just before you enter that picturesque town you see a fountain, with a seat, a horse-trough and even a dog's drinking place. Alas! never once, on several visits, could I get a draft of water from it, though the drinking cup remained to testify to its one-time beneficence to thirsty wayfarers.

They do these things so much better in France. You will find few French villages without a public fountain, a fountain, moreover, that is often a work of art. What English villages do you recall where a free draft of water is available? Should you desire such, you must summon up enough courage to ask at a cottage door, to be confounded, probably, with that nuisance of rural life, the tramp. Externally, we English take water liberally enough; internally, we seem agreed to boycott it.

### Activities of Women.

Greek women, generally speaking, have no individuality.

Only one woman finds employment in Ireland as against 12 men.

Mrs. Harold Almer of Chicago, national woman champion trapeze artist, is the mother of two children.

Chinese women have started an aggressive campaign for the restoration of a monarchy in that country.

Since the no-treating law went into effect in London the drinking among women has greatly decreased.

There has been an increase of 25 per cent in the employment of women in London banks since the war began.

Miss Laura Taylor owns an 80-acre farm in Cleveland county, Oklahoma, where she specializes in hogs and beehives. While she does not do the actual labor on the farm, she is head of the project in every sense of the word, planning, directing and overseeing the work.

### On the Field of Honor.

In a field in the Department of the Aisne, where the English were beaten in September, 1914, some of our territorial discovered two isolated mounds covered over with grass and surmounted by wooden crosses, one of which bore the word "Tin" and the other the word "Rubbish." Greatly affected, our territorial gathered flowers, of which they made bouquets, which they placed upon the mounds. Then, with a trembling hand, they wrote upon the crosses this inscription: "Dead on the Field of Honor!" There the inscriptions remained until one day, when an officer, who understood English, had the sod broken open and discovered in one of the mounds many empty cans, and in the other a lot of worn-out clothing.—Le Cri de Paris.

### Soldier Leaves Fortune to the Poor.

The Koelnische Zeitung reports that Dietrich Henniger, a wealthy business man of Osnabrueck and sergeant in one of the Westphalian reserve regiments, has left his entire fortune of \$300,000 to the poor of his native town. The philanthropist was killed in France in September. When he went to the front he deposited his last will with a notary.

## The Voice of The Farmer

To the Editor of The Observer:

The most terrible of all diseases, of all kinds of degeneration and impoverishment, is consumption in the human lungs. This most disastrous result of exposure and of irrational nutrition spreads its ravages throughout the inhabited earth.

A large portion of humanity sooner or later falls a victim to this dread disease, as a result of its vain, fruitless, foolish search for secret remedies. So deeply rooted is this great evil everywhere, that it requires all the strength of those who retain their health to counteract the fatal results of a battle for a life already lost.

So complete is the consumption of the soil, of plants, animals and men and of physical, political and industrial life that it cannot be checked unless all those who are physically and mentally free and unburdened shall, by their united efforts, and by their immutable faith in all powerful divine nature, counteract the destroying forces of this disease, which daily robs thousands of their vitality and life. Such men must recognize the guiding beneficial forces of nature for the uplifting of mankind, the invigoration of the weak and the encouragement of the disconsolate.

The prosperity of our country is not real prosperity if our bodies are emaciated and too weak to enjoy a prosperous life. Weakness, nervousness, consumptive nutrition is becoming so common, and is so deeply rooted in the life of the nation.

The battle which modern man must fight to obtain food is too exhausting for him to feel truly happy amidst such an embittered strife. The laborer, the large and the small merchant and manufacturer may, during a few years of prosperity, be able to save a few dollars, but years that we may call "nervous," or "consumptive," are sure to follow, and consume a part or whole of their savings.

When in the plant or human system, long periods of insufficient nutrition cause the power of acquisition to decline, the formation of new material or new force, and the maintenance of stored up energy and healthy blood become impossible. For this reason the acquiring ability of the American nation—a nation of consumers—is only apparently large, as shown by the chronic weakness and nervousness in business life, the deterioration caused by our political weevils and the ravages of the weevils of so-called agricultural science, resulting in fearful weakness of the structural anatomy of plants and animals and men, in the weakness of the brain of man as evidenced by the large number of business failures and bald heads. A strong hand only, a hand that retains its power and strength, combined with strong leadership of the parties and of the administration, such as we find embodied in President Wilson, is capable of leading business and political life in the normal path of prosperity.

I term it an injurious consumption of the common sense of the people when I see the farmer paying no attention to the quality of his products; when, intentionally or unintentionally, he raised crops that are so lacking in nutritive elements that they ruin humanity. The farmer is always the first to complain and to blame the government for all failures, but he does not know, or is indifferent to the fact that the high prices of his worthless products are gradually paralyzing the purchasing power of humanity and that their effect is a thousand times more disastrous than all the worthless, watered stock of the grain gamblers of all the stock exchanges in America. The impoverished produce of our modern forms is sure to change the whole world in the comparative near future into a physical, mental and industrial hospital.

Antiquity knew seven wonders of the world, which were honored as being the most marvelous productions of divine and human labor.

There are three marvels in the modern world. The first marvel in the world is the law of polarity, a single, simple, fundamental principle, which pervades the universe. The second marvel is the general ignorance of this universal law, while the third marvel is the enormous, inexhaustible store of nutritive substances provided by God for our use in the mountains, meadows and oceans.

The scientific gentlemen who lectured at our great farm congress all gave us interesting talks, gleaned from ancient textbooks. Why not pound a little modern common sense into their noddles?

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